

**Stafford County Commissioners
Minutes of Meeting
December 15th, 2021**

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The Stafford County Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021, in the Commission Room in the Annex. Chairman Grimmert called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Present: Clayton Grimmert, Todd Wycoff and Bryce Garner.

At the request of Treasurer Mary Gatton, Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to recess to executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss performance matters. Motion carried 3-0. In at 8:31 a.m., out at 8:42 a.m. Those present: County Commissioners, Treasurer, County Clerk. Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to increase Mckenzi Hoover from Range 4 Step 1 to Range 5 Step 2 and Chrissy Green from Range 4 Step 2 to Range 5 Step 3, both effective December 1, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

EMS Director Misty Rudy met with the board to discuss KRAF Grant that the Kansas Board of EMS offers. This is a 75%/25% matching grant application that she is submitting for another Lucas unit. Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to allow Misty to apply for the KRAF grant. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to allow Misty to purchase another Lucas Unit at a cost of \$ 13,824.85. Motion carried 3-0. Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to recess to executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss a performance matter. Motion carried 3-0. In at 8:55 a.m., out at 9:05 a.m. Those present: County Commissioners, County Attorney, County Clerk and EMS Director. Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to increase Baylee Schrag from Range 5 Step 1 to Range 6 Step 3, effective December 1, 2021. Motion carried 3-0. Baylee has successfully completed the ALS training.

Golden Belt Telephone representatives, Kyle Bahr, Customer and Business Development and Beau Rebel, General Manager, met with the board to discuss the potential for grant opportunities for Golden Belt Telephone is pursuing for broadband coverage for Stafford County. USDA has a reconnect program that is coming out. It offers three types of funding structures: 75%/25% matching grant, a 50%/50% matching grant and a full grant. The reason for the discussion was to see if the county would be interested in working with GBT for the fiber optic project. The St. John exchange will be focused on first since it covers the biggest area in the county. It is a good starting point for GBT to branch out to the rest of the rural residents in Stafford County. The county has ARPA funding available for a portion of the matching funds. No firm commitment was made by the county commission board on funding at this time until other funding options can be explored.

Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to approve the tax roll corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to approve the minutes of the December 8th session. Motion carried 3-0.

Sheriff Murrow requested a salary increase for Undersheriff Greg McAlister. Commissioner Wycoff moved and Garner seconded to increase Greg from Range 11 Step 2 to Range 11 Step 4, effective 12-1-2021. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Garner moved and Wycoff seconded to recess to executive session for 10 minutes pursuant to the non-elected personnel exception in order to discuss a performance matter with the meeting to adjourn afterwards. Motion carried 3-0. In at 10:00 a.m., out at 10:08 a.m. Those present: County Commissioners, County Attorney, Sheriff and County Clerk.

Accounts payable checks and vouchers were approved and signed from the following funds:

General	14,603.52
Road	6,725.49
Health	1,820.52
Fire	2,603.57
Noxious Weed	1,075.55
Appraiser	256.49
Solid Waste	3,312.93
EMS	1,213.42
Motor Vehicle	1,194.10
COVID 19 Grant	441.05
TOTAL:	33,246.64

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Nita Keenan
Stafford County Clerk

Chairman

Member

Member